

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2002-2003
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS**

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RUSH HOLT

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Congressman Holt's nominees for appointment to the Military Service Academies are selected on a competitive basis, using criteria determined by the Academies to be indicative of one's potential for success as a Cadet, Midshipman, or Airman. Because of the extremely keen competition for places in our nation's service academies, in addition to seeking a nomination from Congressman Holt, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority that your eligibility allows, (i.e., Senator, Presidential, Vice Presidential, Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, etc.).

Each Congressional Office uses a selection process that is designed to meet its own needs and standards. The different procedures are often confusing to applicants who apply to more than one office. Last minute misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office.

Certain information is required as outlined below in order for you to be considered as an applicant. It is **YOUR** responsibility to submit this information and to **keep it updated**. The postmark deadline for receipt of information in Congressman Holt's office is **October 11, 2002**. Candidates whose files are incomplete after that date cannot be given consideration because there must be adequate time to assess each candidate's qualifications.

Careful thought should be given to your first choice of an academy. Second choices can be considered only in the event that there are not a sufficient number of qualified candidates in an academy category to fill a slate of nominees. (First choice designations may be changed at any time before nominations are made.)

In November, all potential applicants will meet with the Academy Selection Committee, a group of community leaders with academy or other military experience who have volunteered to interview each candidate and report back to the Congressman. These interviews are among the most important factors Congressman Holt takes into account when deciding whom to nominate.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of the Twelfth Congressional District, based on the boundaries in effect through December 2002. (see attached list of municipalities)
- B. Application Form and Photograph: An application form must be completed in full. Please send with it a current photograph. Formal candidacy is established in Congressman Holt's office upon receipt of the application and photograph. **It is not necessary for you to send all required information at once, and you should not wait to file your application if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available.**
- C. Recommendation Form: A recommendation form must be completed by your school guidance counselor or principal and returned by them to Congressman Holt's office. (Please use the attached recommendation form. If necessary, additional sheets may be attached.)
- D. Transcript: An official transcript of your high school record must be submitted. The transcript must show your final junior grades and, preferably, a numerical class rank (if your school keeps track of this). If you apply before this information is available, it will be **your** responsibility to request your guidance counselor to send an up-to-date transcript and to keep your records current.
- E. College Boards: The Service Academies require the SAT or ACT for all potential candidates. Applicants are responsible for registration for tests and for requesting scores to be sent to the academy/academies and to Congressman Holt's office. (The SAT testing code number for Congressman Holt is 0209.)
- F. Qualifying Medical Examinations: The individual academies will recommend the scheduling of medical examinations by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board after receipt of the pre-candidate questionnaire, which is used to open a pre-admission file at the academy of your choice. There is no cost to the candidate for this examination.
- G. Additional Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation from non-family members must be submitted, addressed to Congressman Holt. Unlike civilian colleges, the Service Academies place strong emphasis on physical training, leadership potential, and extra-curricular activities. Therefore, all recommendation letters should emphasize the candidate's proven abilities in these areas.

- H. Essay: Candidates are required to write an essay on their reasons for wanting to attend an academy. This should be done on a separate piece of paper (preferably typed). The essay should be approximately 200-300 words.

III. TYPE OF NOMINATION -- COMPETITIVE

Congressman Holt will nominate candidates based largely on the recommendations of an advisory committee composed of community leaders from central New Jersey, most of whom have military experience. The number of candidates he can nominate will depend on the number of vacancies available at each Academy for the Twelfth district. (The number of vacancies, in turn, is based on the number of students currently attending the Academies who are “charged” to Congressman Holt.) The Congressman may nominate up to ten (10) candidates to compete for each vacancy, with the exception of the Merchant Marine Academy, for which a total of ten (10) nominees can be selected annually. Those candidates selected for nomination will then be evaluated by the respective academies, which will then make the final appointment. **NOTE: There are no congressional nominations to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.**

IV. BASIS FOR SELECTION

Selections are made competitively on the basis of a composite of academic factors (60%) and leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical fitness, and recommendations (40%). The following factors are given particular consideration:

- a. School records, class rank and grade point average
- b. Extra-curricular activities
- c. College Bound Scores. Normally, a competitive candidate will have SAT scores above **600** Verbal and **600** Math, or ACT scores above 22 English and 26 Math, and will stand in the upper fifth of his/her class. The higher a candidate's scores and class standing, the greater his/her chances for nomination will be, assuming the candidate is qualified in the remaining areas of consideration.
- d. Motivation. One of the most important considerations in the selection of nominees is motivation: the candidate's desire to attend a Service Academy. Such an aspect of character is, of course, difficult to measure but can be judged partially through the interview process as well as the *candidate's* interactions with the congressional office. To an extent, motivation can also be judged by a candidate's diligence in completing his or her file.

GOOD LUCK!

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

RUSH HOLT

MUNICIPALITIES IN THE TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (through Dec. '02)

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| 1. Alexandria (Hunterdon) | 35. Kingwood (Hunterdon) |
| 2. Bedminster (Somerset) | 36. Lambertville (Hunterdon) |
| 3. Bernardsville (Somerset) | 37. Lawrence (Mercer) |
| 4. Bethlehem (Hunterdon) | 38. Lebanon Borough (Hunterdon) |
| 5. Bloomsbury (Hunterdon) | 39. Lebanon Twp. (Hunterdon) |
| 6. Branchburg (Somerset) | 40. Little Silver (Monmouth) |
| 7. Califon (Hunterdon) | 41. Manalapan (Monmouth) |
| 8. Clinton Town (Hunterdon) | 42. Marlboro (Monmouth) |
| 9. Clinton Township (Hunterdon) | 43. Middletown* (Monmouth) |
| 10. Colts Neck (Monmouth) | 44. Milford (Hunterdon) |
| 11. Cranbury (Middlesex) | 45. Monroe (Middlesex) |
| 12. Delaware (Hunterdon) | 46. Montgomery (Somerset) |
| 13. East Amwell (Hunterdon) | 47. Ocean Township (Monmouth) |
| 14. East Brunswick (Middlesex) | 48. Oceanport (Monmouth) |
| 15. Eatontown (Monmouth) | 49. Peapack-Gladstone (Somerset) |
| 16. Englishtown (Monmouth) | 50. Pennington (Mercer) |
| 17. Ewing (Mercer) | 51. Plainsboro (Middlesex) |
| 18. Fair Haven (Monmouth) | 52. Princeton Borough (Mercer) |
| 19. Far Hills (Somerset) | 53. Princeton Twp. (Mercer) |
| 20. Flemington (Hunterdon) | 54. Raritan Twp. (Hunterdon) |
| 21. Franklin Twp. (Hunterdon) | 55. Readington (Hunterdon) |
| 22. Freehold Boro. (Monmouth) | 56. Rocky Hill (Somerset) |
| 23. Freehold Twp. (Monmouth) | 57. Rumson (Monmouth) |
| 24. Frenchtown (Hunterdon) | 58. Shrewsbury Bor. (Monmouth) |
| 25. Glen Gardner (Hunterdon) | 59. Shrewsbury Twp. (Monmouth) |
| 26. Hampton Borough (Hunterdon) | 60. South Brunswick (Middlesex) |
| 27. Helmetta (Middlesex) | 61. Stockton (Hunterdon) |
| 28. High Bridge (Hunterdon) | 62. Tewksbury (Hunterdon) |
| 29. Holland (Hunterdon) | 63. Tinton Falls (Monmouth) |
| 30. Holmdel (Monmouth) | 64. Union Twp. (Hunterdon) |
| 31. Hopewell Borough (Mercer) | 65. West Amwell (Hunterdon) |
| 32. Hopewell Twp. (Mercer) | 66. West Long Branch (Monmouth) |
| 33. Interlaken (Monmouth) | 67. West Windsor (Mercer) |
| 34. Jamesburg (Middlesex) | |

*Only Southern part of Middletown

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY

I am seeking a nomination for: #1 (first choice) _____

#2 (second choice) _____

Full Name: _____

Legal Address: _____
Street City Zip

Municipality No. (see list) _____

Telephone: () _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

High School: _____ Counselor: _____

Telephone Number of School Counselor: () _____

Have you attended college? Y N If yes, where? _____

Have you sought a nomination from our office before? Y N

Please provide the dates the following tests were taken:

SAT _____ ACT _____

_____ I have not taken the required tests, but plan on taking the:

SAT _____ ACT _____ (provide dates)

Please provide a list of extra-curricular activities (including athletics) and attach to application.

I am also seeking a nomination through: (Check all that apply)

Senator Robert Torricelli _____ Senator Jon Corzine _____

Other (please specify) _____

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING: I have read the Information Sheet explaining the nominating procedures and am familiar with these requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of the Twelfth Congressional District of New Jersey. If I have not submitted all necessary data by the **October 11, 2002** postmark deadline, I understand I may not be given final consideration for a nomination.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**SEND TO: Congressman Rush Holt
50 Washington Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EITHER THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR THE CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION TO ONE OF THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES. PLEASE ENCLOSE WITH THIS FORM A TRANSCRIPT SHOWING FINAL JUNIOR GRADES FOR THIS APPLICANT. ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY **OCTOBER 11, 2002.**

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS: _____
Street Town Zip Code

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____

TELEPHONE NO. OF SCHOOL: () _____

APPLICANT'S YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____ CLASS RANK: _____ GPA: _____

SAT SCORE: VERBAL: _____ ACT SCORE: _____

MATH: _____

LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS: _____

PERSONALITY TRAITS: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH APPLICANT PARTICIPATES: _____

GENERAL COMMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS: _____

SIGNATURE OF COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL

DATE

**SEND TO: Congressman Rush Holt
50 Washington Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550**